

The Crucible, Act I, by Arthur Miller
Support for Extend Your Learning

Writing

Prepare **news accounts** of the events in the play as if these articles had appeared in a Boston newspaper of that time. Use information from the play in your notes.

Salem Witch Trials—1690

| Event 1: _____ | Event 2: _____ | Event 3: _____ |
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| Who: _____ What: _____ Where: _____ When: _____ Why: _____ How: _____ _____ | | |

On a separate page, draft one or more news events. Be sure to include as many details as possible. When you revise, make sure your story moves from paragraph to paragraph clearly.

Listening and Speaking

Do research with a group of classmates on the belief in witches in seventeenth-century Europe. As you work on your **oral report**, follow these tips:

- In what countries was there a belief in witches? When did the belief surface? When did it die out?
- Which groups of people believed in witches?
- How many people are estimated to have died during this period?

When the reports have all been presented, have a class discussion about why Miller might have chosen the Salem witch trials to make his points about McCarthyism, which occurred in 1950s America.